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Dear Mike,

Sorry my bad typing and writing are even worse. I'm 84 now and my doctors are amazed that I'm still alive with all I've been surviving.That they did not expect me to survive.

I'm sorry that with all the hate that contaminates the world more has to be encouraged.

Best,

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Meacham Defends Terrorism

It has been a long time but given the opportunity by his misuse and misrep - resentation of the unspeakable subhumanity of the bombing of the Jerusalem marketplace Roy Meachum again converted outrageous terrorism into his traditional attack on Israel whatever happens in what despite his statement, remains the holy land.

Which, only since Israel recovered that part of Jerusalem, is again the holy land of all religions.

The horrors inflicted in Israel by a small minority of Arabs was to have been ended with the Oslo accord, something Meachum never mentions in his "Killing begets more..." column.

In return for what it gave the Palestinians Israel was to have been guaranteed peace and security. In addition, the organization Yassir Arafat headed was to remove from its charter the intent determination to drive all Jews into the sea.

Israel did not get the peace and security Arafat promised in the Oslo accord and he did not eliminate from that chater that firm determination to wipe out all Jews in the holy land out.

Meachum quoted Egypt's Mubarak as saying Arafat is not "powerful enough." They what good is his guarantee? His signature on anything?

He is powerful enough to arrest known terrorists in his territory abd he has been powerful enough to warn others to scram because Israel was about to nab them.

Meachum condems what has been done by Netanyahu, whose fan I am not. But he offers no alternative to any meaning in any effort to end that Arab terrorism which Arabs can end of they ever decide to.

Instead of using terrorism ~~using it~~ to coerce Israel, which Israel will not survive.

In condemning Israel's these efforts to force the end of the endless terrorism against civilians, Meachum does not mention that ~~compare them with~~ what this and other countries have done and are doing the same thing under similar conditions.

~~Nor does~~ he

Nor does he recall what non-Muslims have done to protect European Muslims.

He does not mention Or the planned bombing of the New York subways which, naturally, those who planned that unspeakable atrocity blamed on Israel. Meachum has not written about that yet or about the bombing of the New York Trade Center by the Arabs who did it to that was intended to have that skyscraper collapse and entirely killing thousands and thousands, mostly women.

In Meachum's usual contortion of reality he says that this effort to curb that kind of subhuman terrorism "obliged" the terrorists. And what else would doing nothing have accomplished?

If Meachum were not so addicted to the authoritarian Arab countries he could understand that in a democratic society people can and do bring pressure on their government. Which would be the case if the land under Arafat's dictatorial control were democratic. Or if those people make the effort.

But do they dare? Do they not fear that then the terrorism would be against them? Do they not have reason to fear what he would do?

Regardless of Meachum's contortions of both history and reality, the anti-Israeli terrorism is called for in the Palestinian charter from which Arafat was to have eliminated it years ago — and even assured the Reagan administration that he had to be able to get into this country and be at the UN.

If as Meachum says withholding moneys due is wrong for Israel, how does it become right and how has it been right for the United States for so many years during which it withheld what it owed the UN money to pressure it?

Never even-handed with Israel, Meachum quotes an Israel official as telling the New York Times that "We are signalling the Palestinian authority that they will not be able to resume normal life until they take certain measures to combat terrorism."

According to Meachum this is wrong for Israel and right for all others ranging from Muslim dictatorships to the United States.

To get to do what they

~~And which~~ Arafat and his people guaranteed to do to get the Oslo accord.

How many more years will they not keep their word, indeed, not make any effort to?

And be defend~~ing~~ed in this by "eachum?

As with all he writes as the Arab partisan he has always been, which is his right, he withholds and misrepresents, which is not his right.

That accomplish~~ed~~es nothing but ~~adding~~ adds to prejudice and mislead~~ing~~s people.

Which in this and his earlier columns Meachum did ~~and~~ does. and not ends.